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1. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT POLICY CONCERNING ELECTRONIC AND PHYSICAL SEARCHES. THERE ARE POSTS THAT UTILIZE BOTH METHODS. EMBASSY ADDIS (RTC) WAS SENT TWO ELECTRONIC DETECTORS IN MARCH '75. ALTHOUGH POSTS HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THIS PARTICULAR DETECTOR, POST SHOULD HAVE LITTLE PROBLEM KEEPING IT IN WORKING ORDER WITH RTC ON THE SPOT. THE POST MUST MAKE THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO TYPE AND DEGREE OF PHYSICAL SEARCHES. HAND HELD ELECTRONIC DETECTORS (SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY AIRPORT SECURITY) ARE AVAILABLE FROM SY/T. FYI: OTHER POSTS DO CHECK PERSONAL PROPERTY/ BELONGINGS AS MATTER OF ROUTINE IN CONSULAR AREA AND AT ENTRANCE TO CHANCERY LOBBY.

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2. POST'S PROBLEMS WITH USIS BUILDING APPRECIATED. FOLLOWING ARE MERELY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THOUGHT:

A. USE OF PLAIN-CLOTHES GUARD OR POLICEMAN IN LIBRARY AREA.

B. CAN REMAINDER OF OFFICE AREAS BE SHUT OFF FROM LIBRARY IN CASE OF ATTACK?

C. HAS SAFE-HAVEN AREA WITH COMMUNICATIONS (RADIO) BEEN ESTABLISHED IN BUILDING?

3. DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION, THE FOLLOWING STEPS CAN BE FOLLOWED WITH REGARD TO MOVEMENT TO AND FROM OFFICE:

A. CAR POOLS WITH EACH CAR HAVING PORTABLE RADIO. AS WITH ROUTES, THESE SHOULD BE SET UP ON IRREGULAR PATTERN.

B. USE OF LOCAL POLICE ON PERIODIC BUT IRREGULAR BASIS.

C. CHECK SYSTEM: EMPLOYEES CALL PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR WORK AND AGAIN UPON RETURNING HOME AT END OF DAY.

4. THE ABOVE MAY SEEM EXTREME, BUT ALL HAVE BEEN USED IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THEY CERTAINLY CAN BE TAILORED TO FIT YOUR NEEDS. KISSINGER

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